Welcome to Wonderland

SIMON!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YOU LOOK GREAT!
YEAH, WORK'S BEEN KEEPING ME BUSY.
AND YOU KNOW HOW THE MEN KEEP ME BUSY AS WELL.
YOU SAID IT.
BUT WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW OF PASSION,
YOU TYPICAL SALARY-MAN

IT'S A LONG STORY OF COURSE.
INDEED WHAT EVER HAPENED BETWEEN YOU AND ALASTAIR, ANYWAY?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
THE ONLY THING THAT'S CHANGED ABOUT YOU IS THAT YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU EAT ANYMORE
BUT YOU LOOK AMAZING
HE AND I, WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS.
POW
POW
POW
WOW, FIRE-WORKS!
NOTHING BRINGS BACK SCHOOL MEMORIES MORE THAN THIS.

ALASTAIR
AND
ALICE.
pow
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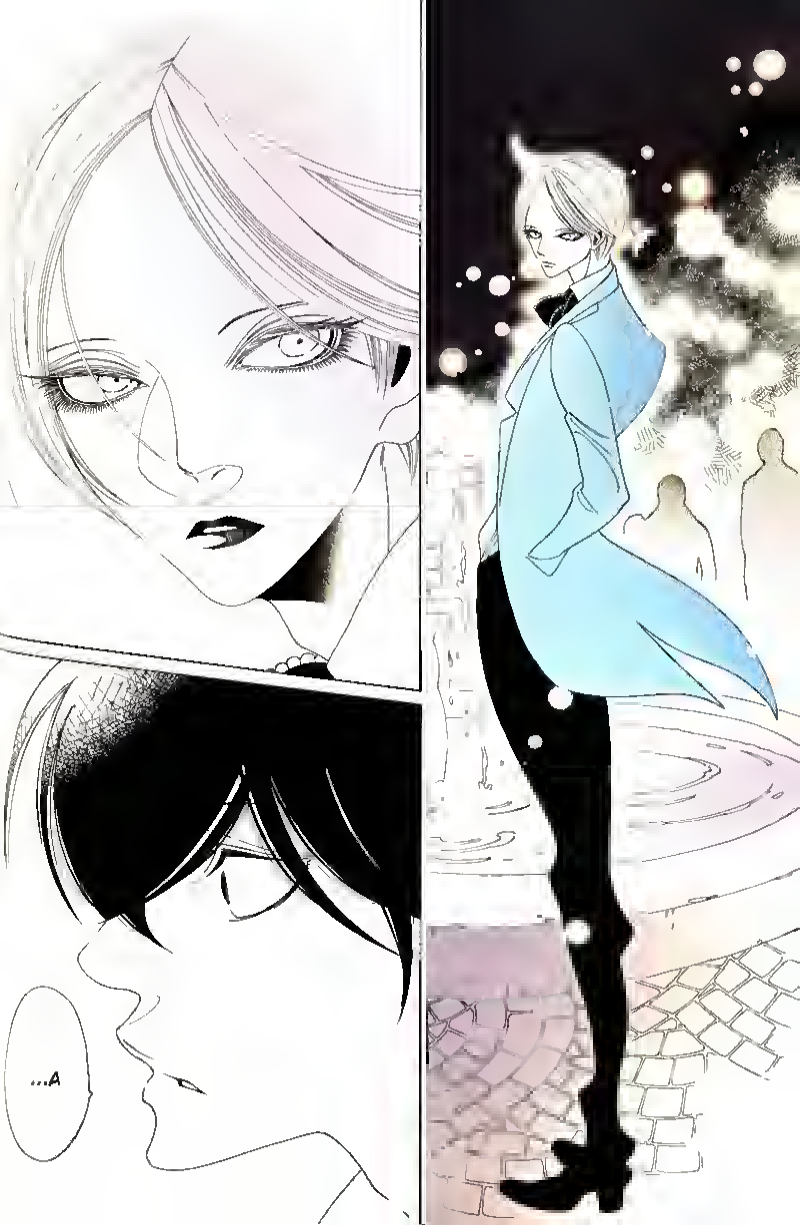
pow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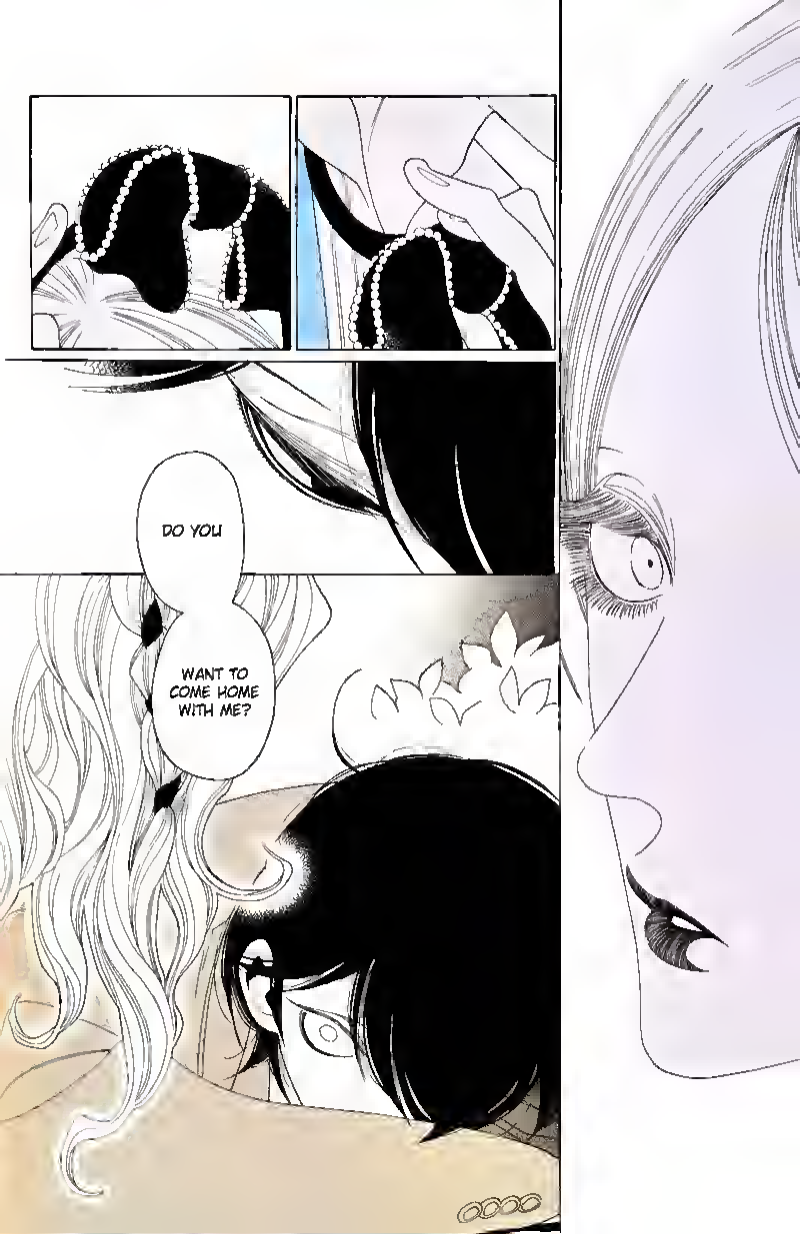
ALASTAIR?
I DIDN'T MEAN - OH -
NEVER MIND.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE HERE
WHAT ARE YOU .. DOING HERE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH SHIT. I SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN IF I HAD KNOWN I'D SEE YOU HERE.

Before long
The fireworks had ended
and the liquor started flowing.
And the party was over
in a flash.
SIMON.

COME ON IN, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE.
WE SHOULD GET GOING.
EVERY-BODY HAS ALREADY LEFT BY NOW.
AND WE SHOULD BOTH BE GOING TOO.
SHUT UP, I ALREADY KNOW.

...AND THAT'S HOW
WE ENDED UP NOT LEAVING THE PARTY.


DO YOU
WANT TO COME HOME WITH ME?

If you'll just
grant me one wish.

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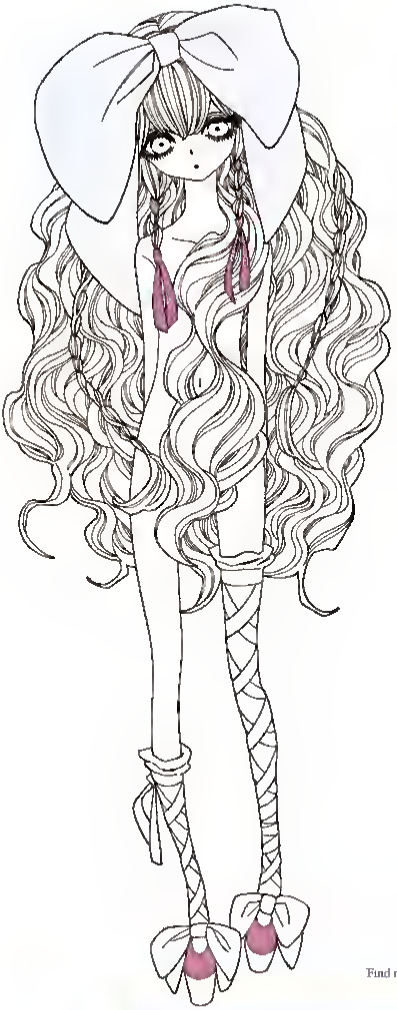
PLEASE SEND YOUR FEEDBACK.



AFTERWARD

Whenever I think of the past
Whenever I think of my memories
Whenever, whenever
I wait for disappointment
Whenever it follows
Back to the beginning
I think of this story.

It's been a long time,
but I'm coming back.
Thank you for reading.

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